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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Attorney General  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

REFERENCE : Memorandum, dated 16 January 1962,  
from the President to DCI

At the time of my appointment as Director of Central Intelligence and later by letter of 16 January 1962, the President directed that I maintain, with the Heads of the Departments and Agencies concerned, a continuing review of the programs and activities of all Departments and Agencies engaged in foreign intelligence activities.

The purpose of this directive was to ensure proper coordination of all elements of the Intelligence Community and to provide effective guidance to them in the interest of ensuring efficiency and completeness of coverage with a minimum of waste and duplication. To date I have discharged these responsibilities personally, working directly with you or your representatives on the United States Intelligence Board.

I now feel that to carry on this work more effectively a small staff reporting directly to me is necessary. Therefore I am appointing Mr. John A. Bross as my Deputy for National Intelligence Programs Evaluation and have directed him to organize the necessary staff. He will be responsible for the review and evaluation of programs of the Intelligence Community as a whole. He will represent me in my capacity as Director of Central Intelligence as contrasted with my responsibility as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Initially it is my intention that Mr. Bross and his staff concern themselves primarily with the development of a community-wide intelligence activity inventory to establish the totality of the United States foreign intelligence effort in terms of activities performed, their objectives, and the resources committed to their support. Such an inventory will serve as a basis for community-wide program evaluation and will facilitate judgments concerning the relative cost and effectiveness of particular programs, thereby contributing to sound decisions concerning our investment of money and manpower in our intelligence effort.

In addition, Mr. Bross will review and evaluate for me the actions of the USIB committees and members of the Intelligence Community taken to implement the Priority National Intelligence Objectives as established at regular intervals by USIB. The PNIO's set forth the most important tasks to be undertaken by the Intelligence Community, and thus serve as a guideline for the community's activities. The reviews will be submitted to the United States Intelligence Board periodically.

I should be most grateful if you will take such action as is appropriate to ensure that Mr. Bross and his staff have access to all information relevant to a continuing review of the foreign intelligence activities conducted by your Department in order to permit informed evaluations.

Mr. Bross' appointment as Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for National Intelligence Programs Evaluation will be effective as of September 9th, 1963.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

JOHN A. McCONE  
Director

cc: The Honorable McGeorge Bundy,  
Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
Director, Bureau of the Budget  
All USIB members